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SUBJECT: RWANDAN REFUGEE CAMP IN BENACO

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- 1. LOU ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. USUN READ WITH GREAT CONCERN THE ACCOUNT (REF A) OF THE TAKEOVER OF THE BENACO REFUGEE CAMP IN TANZANIA BY SELF-DECLARED GENOCIDAL KILLERS FROM RWANDA. USUN CONTACTED UN DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (DHA) TO

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SEE IF INFORMATION ON THE BENACO REFUGEE CAMP COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND TO OFFER USG ASSISTANCE IN PURSUING A RESOLUTION TO THE SITUATION.

- 3. IN RESPONSE TO USUN INTEREST IN THE BENACO REFUGEE CAMP, DHA HELD A MEETING WITH UNHOR AND INFORMED USUN TODAY, 6/30, THAT THE SITUATION IN THE BENACO CAMP IS NOW UNDER CONTROL.
- 4. UNHCR HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT, THE 14 ALLEGED HUTU PERPETRATORS OF GENOCIDE, AND A LARGE GROUP OF CAMP LEADERS. THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT AGREED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 250 POLICEMEN FOR THE CAMP BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER TO 300. UNHCR IS IN THE PROCESS OF PROCURING VEHICLES FOR THE POLICEMEN. THE CAMP LEADERS GUARANTEED THE SECURITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE WORKERS. ACCORDING TO UNHCR, THE 14 ALLEGED HUTU CRIMINALS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CAMP. THEIR LEADER, JEAN BAPTISTE GATETE, HAS MALARIA AND WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CAMP AS SOON AS HE CAN TRAVEL.

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5. UNHCR IS CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT PROSECUTING THE 14 ALLEGED PERPETRATORS OF GENOCIDE. UNHCR HAS ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT INJUSTICES IN THE CAMP AND ALLEGED CRIMINALS TO THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR RWANDA.

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